

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, between 700 and 800 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; nearly 70% of these fatalities are cause by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 18 through 24, 2002, to be

SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this second day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

PETE T. CENARRUSA SECRETARY OF STATE